

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 8TH, 1936.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, January 8th, 1936.

Present:

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Note: The Governor was not present due to illness.
Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a tabulation of bids received by Crownsville State Hospital, for the erection of an Attendant's Building. The low bidder was the Davis Construction Company. It was the recommendation of the Crownsville State Hospital Board of Managers that the contract be awarded to the Davis Construction Company at their bid of \$66,940.00.

After due consideration of the matter the Board agreed to approve the recommendation of the Crownsville State Hospital Board that the contract be awarded to the Davis Construction Company. The Board also authorized the expenditure by the Hospital of \$574.00 for porch screens.

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The following letter dated January 1st, 1936 from the Commission on Higher Education of Negroes, was read and considered -

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
OF NEGROES

4 East Redwood Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

January 1, 1936.

Honorable Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The work of the Maryland Commission on Higher Education is at a standstill.

It was commissioned to study college and university education in the State, and recommend to the legislature proposals by which such training as is now given at the University of Maryland might be made available for colored citizens.

Very truly yours,

Since that ruling of the last legislature colored persons who have had no state college or university filed suit to enter the University of Maryland. The case is before the Court of Appeals.

The Commission was granted \$6,000 by the legislature. It asked for \$12,000 and now finds it cannot do its work without the additional amount.

It would be a tremendous reflection upon both parties, Democrats and Republicans, if this Commission should be unable to do its work immediately, for the state would then be in the position of not providing a state university for colored people and not being willing to do anything about it.

We can complete the survey if the Board of Public Works will assure us of an additional sum of \$6,000, one half of which will be available now and the other half one year from this date.

Armed with this assurance we will undertake to borrow from private sources funds necessary to have the survey made and our report ready for the legislature of 1937.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carl Murphy

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The request of the Commission for additional funds was disapproved.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, that in accordance with the Acts of 1935, Chapter 89, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the State be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue Certificates of Indebtedness of the State in the amount of \$350,000.00, dated the first day of April, 1936; said Certificates of Indebtedness to bear interest at the rate of 4%, payable semi-annually on the first days of April and October, respectively; the principal of said loan being payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan as more fully set forth in said Act of 1935, Chapter 89, as follows

SERIES	AMOUNT	REDEEMABLE
"N"	\$21,000.00	April 1, 1939
"O"	22,000.00	April 1, 1940
"P"	23,000.00	April 1, 1941
"Q"	23,000.00	April 1, 1942
"R"	24,000.00	April 1, 1943
"S"	26,000.00	April 1, 1944
"T"	27,000.00	April 1, 1945
"U"	28,000.00	April 1, 1946
"V"	29,000.00	April 1, 1947
"W"	30,000.00	April 1, 1948
"X"	31,000.00	April 1, 1949
"Y"	32,000.00	April 1, 1950
"Z"	34,000.00	April 1, 1951

The said Certificates of Indebtedness will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached.

The Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer are authorized to deliver to the Teachers' Retirement System of Maryland these Certificates of Indebtedness constituting an issue with par value of \$350,000.00, dated April 1st, 1936, which issue is the issue of bonds in the par value of \$350,000.00, deliverable to the Teachers' Retirement System of Maryland as provided in Section 6 of Chapter 89 of the Acts of 1935.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared Certificates of Indebtedness in good and sufficient form for the amount of \$350,000.00.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the request of Morgan College for payment of appropriation of \$25,000.00 in the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1936 on account of the purchase price of the property of the Princess Anne Academy at Princess Anne, Maryland.

The Board was of the opinion that before any money should be paid to Morgan College in this matter that the State should have some assurances that it would receive an unencumbered fee simple title to the property, and that steps should be taken to have something put on record covering the obligations of Morgan College to convey such title to the property to the State.

The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Attorney General and arrange for title examination and the recording of the agreement of Morgan College to convey title to the property to the State at a later date.

The following letter from Doctor Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent, Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, was read and considered -

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

12-28-35.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

As you know, our appropriation for all the institutions for the fiscal year is \$441,420.00.

We have expended to December 28th \$110,851.47, at the same rate the year's expenditures will be \$443,405.88, or a deficit of \$1,985.88.

We have three unforeseen things, which will have to be taken care of: first a blower fan, which will cost \$325.00; second, a grease extractor, which will cost \$375.00; third, we have a laundry press at Mt. Wilson, which has gone to pieces, and will cost \$300.00 for a rebuilt one.

If there is anyway we can squeeze \$3,000.00 out of the "cushion fund", I think we can carry them, and this means that we are carrying 212 patients at Henryton for a full year, while last year we only had to carry 212 patients for about nine months.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Victor F. Cullen.

Dr. VFC/LMB

The secretary was instructed to write Doctor Cullen, and advise him that the Board was of the opinion he should make an effort to keep within his Budget already provided for the current fiscal year, and to take care of the items mentioned in the third paragraph of his letter covering unforeseen items, and that if toward the end of the fiscal year it was found that it will be impossible for the Sanatorium to take care of these items out of its Budget, the Board would endeavor to make additional funds available to the Institution.

The following letter from H. C. Byrd, Acting President, University of Maryland, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

College Park

Dec. 28, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
Office of the Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

The University of Maryland, in cooperation with the Federal Works Progress Administration, is now engaged in a project for the removal of the old wooden dairy barns adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Boulevard and the construction of new barns in another and better location.

The work is being financed almost entirely by the Federal Government, ninety-three per cent of the total cost coming from that source.

In order to take advantage of the Government gift of approximately \$112,000, it is necessary for the University to contribute \$8,100. The total cost of the project will be \$120,000.

This is to ask that you kindly present to the Board of Public Works a request for the transfer of \$8,100, representing the University's contribution, from our "Purchase of land - Construction Loan of 1933" account to a special account, "W.P.A. Dairy Barns Project" which we are setting up, with the understanding that any unused balance so transferred shall automatically revert to our "Purchase of Land" account at the completion of this project.

As there is immediate need for purchasing material for use on the project, it is hoped that the transfer can be effected as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. C. Byrd,
Acting President.

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The Board approved the request of Mr. Byrd that it be allowed to contribute \$8,100.00 to this project out of the appropriation to the University of Maryland for the "Purchase of Land".

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The following letter from Mr. H. C. Byrd, Acting President of the University of Maryland, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
College Park

December 28, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,
Secretary, Board of Public Works,
Office of the Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Board of Regents at a recent meeting approved the purchase of 5 acres of land which is now part of a 216 acre tract adjoining the campus known as the Buckley Farm, at a cost of \$2,000, and further approved the rental of the balance of 211 acres of this tract for a period of four years,

at an additional cost of \$18,000.

The Board took this action because of the opportunity to tie up this land at an unusually low price, a price that probably never again would be so low. Before the death of the owner of the farm two years ago, the figure given the University for the purchase of the farm was \$50,000.

This arrangement has been put in the form of a contract that the University is making and the said contract, copy of which is enclosed, has the approval of the Attorney General as to its legality.

The University already has authority to rent property and authority to take options, and the specific part of this arrangement that should be approved by the Board of Public Works is the purchase of the 5 acres of land for \$2,000.

The payment of the above-mentioned \$2,000 will be made from the 1933 appropriation by the Legislature.

It will be appreciated if you will ask the Board of Public Works at its next meeting to approve this purchase. The matter was discussed with the Governor some time ago and before it was presented to the Board of Regents for approval.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H. C. Byrd,
Acting President.

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The Board approved the request of Mr. Byrd that the University be allowed to purchase the 5 acres of land at a cost of \$2,000, and also the request that the University be allowed to rent the balance of 211 acres of this tract for a period of four years, with an option to purchase it any any time during the four years at an additional cost of \$18,000.

The following letter from Spring Grove State Hospital, dated December 17th, 1935, was read and considered -

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL

December 17, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,
Secretary of the Board of Public Works,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Re: Cottage Group
Spring Grove State Hospital
Catonsville, Maryland.
St. File No. Md. 1034.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Board of Managers of the Spring Grove State Hospital has authorized me, as their Secretary, to respectfully petition the Board of Public Works for permission to install a 6" water line and a fire-plug from the new Cottage Group over to the existing Dairy Group, total cost of which will be \$2,513.28. The present Dairy Group is 1,120 lineal feet from the new Cottage Group. The Dairy Group is composed of a farmer's cottage, several storage sheds, and a barn which houses approximately seventy cows. This is the entire herd of the Institution. There is no fire protection at the Dairy Group at the present time and the only water supply thereto is through a 2" water main which is barely adequate to take care of the domestic water requirements.

The Board of Managers of the Spring Grove State Hospital respectfully requests permission to have J. Henry Miller, Inc., the contractor for the new Cottage Group, furnish and install this new 6" water main and fire-plug as mentioned above and charge this to the construction of the new Cottage Group.

Your prompt consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ G. Herbert Rice,
Secretary,
Board of Managers.

GHR/RO

The Board approved the request of the Hospital that it be permitted to install the water line as outlined in their letter.

The following letter from Congressman William P. Cole, Jr., was read and considered -

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Towson, Md.

December 26, 1935.

Hon. Harry W. Nice,
Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr.,
Hon. Hooper S. Miles,
Board of Public Works for the
State of Maryland,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Some time ago a number of gentlemen living in Pikesville and vicinity came to see me with reference to federal WPA or PWA funds being made available for the Pikesville Confederate Home. I told them at the time that with the property abandoned as a Confederate Home, I felt some action should be taken by the State in order to determine the purpose to which it would be put in the future. They asked that a conference with your Board be requested and that I present it for them. This I cheerfully did and was told that at some early date they would be given an opportunity to appear for a definite time and at a definite place.

So far as I am personally concerned, I have no fixed views as to how this property should be operated in the future and what use, if any, the State should make of it, but I would certainly appreciate some consideration being given to the request, so that they will not be met with the answer that no federal funds are available, in the event your decision would make it appropriate that federal funds be requested in order to carry out the objective you have in mind. If it is your purpose to entertain any proposition at this time and you will so advise me, I will appreciate it, but if on the other hand you want to hear these gentlemen, and you will let me know, I would thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ William P. Cole, Jr.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Cole and advise him of the meetings of the Board of Public scheduled for Annapolis on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 12 o'clock, noon, and to say that the Board would be willing to hear him and others interested in the matter about which he writes.

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The following letter from Mr. Clarence A. Tucker, Treasurer of the Montrose School for Girls, dated December 21st, 1935, was read and considered -

MONTROSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

1418 Fidelity Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.
December 21, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secy.
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

The bids for the building of porches on the Meyer Cottage at the Montrose School for Girls have all come in and were tabulated by the architect, the President of our Institution and the writer. A copy of such tabulation is enclosed herewith for your information. They were all found too high, in view of the funds available for this construction.

Finally by some revision and elimination, it was determined to award the contract to J. George Bensel Company for \$7,800.00, making Alternate B referred to in the tabulation of bids applicable to the Contract.

The figure mentioned as the contract price was determined upon the assumption that the contractor would not be required to give a bond. In lieu of such bond the contractor has agreed that no payment shall be made by us until the work is substantially completed and acceptable to the architects.

The contract has been prepared upon the standard form adopted by the American Institute of Architects, and has been executed in triplicate by the contractor and the Montrose School for Girls and is in my possession. Before delivering the same we should like the approval or authorization of the Board of Public Works in the premises and we would appreciate getting this authorization at the earliest practicable moment.

Thanking you in advance, and wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Clarence A. Tucker,
Treasurer.

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CONSTRUCTION OF PORCHES

Meyer Cottage

Tabulation of Bids

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate A.</u>	<u>Alternate B.</u>
J. George Bensel Co.	8576.00	Deduct 590.00	Deduct 290.00
G. Walter Tovell, Inc.	8788.00	" 437.00	" 195.00
Goucher Tase, Inc.	8979.00	" 555.00	" 526.00
John Cowan & Son	9200.00	" 408.00	" 184.00
Thomas Hicks & Sons, Inc.	9725.00	" 510.00	" 200.00
Price Construction Co.	10700.00	" 500.00	" 0.

After due consideration of the matter the Board concluded that it would not excuse the contractor from furnishing a bond covering the completion of the work to be done under his contract unless the contractor was willing to wait until after final completion and acceptance of the building before payment of any part of the contract price would be requested or demanded. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Tucker accordingly.

The following letter from Mr. Theodore C. Waters, dated December 18th, 1935, was read and considered -

MULLIKIN STOCKBRIDGE & WATERS
Baltimore Trust Building
Baltimore

December 18th, 1935.

Hon. Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Nice:-

Re: Occupational Disease
Commission appointed
pursuant to House Joint
Resolution No. 29.

The above named Commission held its first meeting yesterday afternoon at our office and organized, electing me as its Chairman. All members of the Commission were present except Mayor Broening, who telephoned advising me that due to his duties at the State Industrial Accident Commission it was impossible for him to be present. Mr. Charles T. LeViness, 3rd, represented the Attorney General at our meeting.

By the terms of the Resolution of the Legislature, authorizing the appointment of our Commission, there was included an authorization to you, as Governor, to expend "not in excess of \$3,000. for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by said Commission". Several members of the Commission inquired as to what funds, if any, would be available to us for our expenses. Mr. LeViness advised us that the \$3,000. item was not included in the State budget for the coming year but that you could probably make some allowance for our expenses from your discretionary fund. The Commission desired to employ a Secretary and, at the time of public hearings proposed to be held by the Commission, it will be necessary to employ a Court stenographer for the purpose of taking testimony of those who desire to appear before our body.

I would appreciate your advising me of the funds, if any, which would be available to our Commission for these purposes so that I may be able to report definitely to the Commission at the time of its next meeting.

Respectfully,

/s/ Theodore C. Waters.

After due consideration of the matter it was decided that the Board was without authority to allocate any money to this Commission, because of the fact that the Emergency Reserve Fund is intended to supplement appropriations already in the Budget, and there is no provision in the Budget for any expenses for Occupational Disease Commission.

The following letter from Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, relative to the heating system at Springfield State Hospital, was read and considered -

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Whitaker Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

January 2nd, 1936.

Board of Public Work,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have made a careful survey of the heating system at the Springfield State Hospital and find the following conditions.

1. The hot water heating system and the hot water used for domestic purposes passes through the same pipes. This is an unsanitary condition as well as causing excessive corrosion and deposits in the entire system, and the replacement of radiators and piping to the extent of about \$10,000 a year.

2. Recommendations for correcting this condition are; separate the hot water for heating from the hot water used for domestic purposes by installing a 4" galvanized supply line for supplying water for domestic purposes, same starting at the boiler room and continue through tunnel to various buildings to be supplied. Install a 2½" galvanized return line placing a circulating pump in the boiler room so a constant water temperature can be maintained in the proposed line.

We feel that this work can be accomplished for the expenditure of approximately \$20,000, which we believe should be done as soon as possible in order to prevent the constant replacement of radiators and piping.

As this office is charged with the duties of maintaining the heating systems at the various state institutions, we are requesting that the appropriation mentioned above be allotted to us for carrying out these recommendations.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elmer E. Hammond.
State Engineer.

EEH:HAH

The Board decided it could not carry out the recommendations contained in Mr. Hammond's report because of the lack of funds. Mr. Blakeman was requested to confer with Mr. Hammond and to ask him what it would be possible to do to correct conditions with the amount of money available for the purpose, - approximately \$10,000.

The following letter from Doctor R. V. Truitt, Director of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, dated December 19th, 1935, was read and considered -

THE CHESAPEAKE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY
Solomons Island, Maryland.

College Park, Md.
December 19, 1935.

Maryland Board of Public Works,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, I am writing to request a grant from the Board of Public Works with which to match sums available through W.P.A. and P.W.A. for purposes of building a pier and a dormitory on the State's property at Solomons Island. That these facilities are badly needed becomes apparent when it is considered that there is not a public pier in Calvert County, in spite of its great water frontage and maritime importance. While the personnel of the Laboratory, working as it does every year without pay, is quartered over a wide territory and at times under conditions far from satisfactory from the viewpoint of vermin. The boarding houses on the Island cater to week-end fishing parties and are not interested in roomers at a rate that can be met by research workers.

We find after consulting the W.P.A. and P.W.A. authorities that an allotment of approximately \$5,000 will be made for the pier and that we might expect \$7,150 for the dormitory if we can secure a grant from your Board for \$7,880. That is to say, if the State will assure the Laboratory of \$7,880 we will be able to secure for its use construction to the extent of \$20,030. These additions to the building at Solomons Island will not add to our present budget requirements for upkeep and management since fees for the space to be made available, conservatively estimated to yield \$650. per year, will more than take care of these items and depreciation according to the architect who has drawn up the plans. In addition, our dining room at present yields upward of \$100.00 per year in profits. In making this application to the Board of Public Works, it is anticipated that there remains in the supplementary funds appropriated to the Board by the last Session of the Legislature, and ear-marked for "State Institutions", the sum involved. It is our understanding that the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory is a state institution in the sense used above.

The Calvert Board of County Commissioners, State Senator James Letimer, the Maryland Conservation Commission and the following named institutions, those supplying funds for the cooperative research and educational work done at Solomons Island, have indorsed this project and are enthusiastic for its development: Johns Hopkins University, Washington College, Goucher College, Western Maryland College, University of Maryland and the Carnegie Institution. The materials to be used will come from Maryland, while the plans require that all lum-

ber will be secured locally, cut, milled and transported by Calvert County unemployed.

Plans for the pier and the dormitory in question have been drawn and blue-printed while the specifications have been completed by Mr. Claude Johnson, Baltimore architect. Under separate cover these plans are being forwarded to your Board. We shall be glad to offer added information if it is desired.

Very respectfully yours,

.s. R. V. Truitt, Director.

RVT:IW

After due consideration the Board agreed that it would be willing to make available to the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory for the work outlined in Doctor Truitt's letter the sum of \$7,880.00 payable out of funds to be received by the State from grants made to the State on construction work at various State institutions under the Public Works Administration when these funds are received from the United States Government. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Truitt accordingly.

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The following letter from Senator O. R. Higgins, dated December 17th, 1935, relative to the Peninsula Horticultural Society, was read and considered -

SENATE OF MARYLAND
Annapolis, Md.

December 17, 1935.

Honorable Wm. S. Gordy,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:

The attached letter from Mr. W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md. is very embarrassing to me, for reasons noted below:-

I am Vice President of the Peninsula Horticultural Society. I have rather heavy investments in orchards which are the chief concern of this Society.

So far as I can remember I was present at all Finance Committee meetings but have no knowledge of this item being stricken from the budget, it certainly was my place more than any one else to look after their interest.

The Peninsula Horticultural Society meets December 18th, 19th, and 20th. in Bridgeville. Won't you please handle immediately with Governor Nice and Mr. Miles and see if they will not agree

to a check being forwarded immediately, making same payable to the Society. I would like to get the check to them not later than Thursday.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

/s/ O. R. Higgins.

ORH:WN

The Comptroller stated that he was aware of the fact that it would not be possible to do anything for the Peninsula Horticultural Society for the current fiscal year or the next fiscal year, but that the Society was anxious that the matter be considered at the time the next Budget is prepared.

2. The resolution offered by Mr. Miles at a previous meeting relative to Budget matters was deferred until a later meeting, when it would be possible for the Governor to be in attendance.

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The following letter from Edwin T. Dickerson, Attorney, Baltimore, dated November 29th, 1935, was read and considered -

DICKERSON, NICE & SOKOL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

809-819 Calvert Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

November 29th, 1935.

To the Honorable, the Board of Public Works
Union Trust Building
City.

Gentlemen:

I represent Mrs. Bessie L. Meyers, for whom an appropriation of \$1390 was provided in Item 26 of "Contingent Appropriation From General Funds in the Budget of 1936-1937."

The allowance was in payment of a judgment which I recovered for her in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County several years ago for injuries sustained by her as the result of conduct on the part of a Deputy State Game Warden in the course of his duty.

The Budget provision was contingent upon the passage of Joint Resolution No. 7. There was introduced in the Legislature a general resolution requesting the Governor to include the above item in his Budget, but the resolution did not pass and there would seem to be no reason why the budget item should be contingent upon the passage of any resolution inasmuch as the Budget was approved as a whole.

Mrs. Meyers was severely injured and the allowance is only modest reparation for the injuries she received.

I sincerely hope that your Honorable Board will see its way clear to allow this item to be paid in view of the eminent fairness in doing so.

I shall greatly appreciate your favorable action.

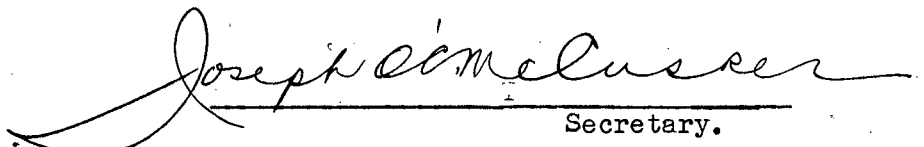
Very respectfully,

ETD/S

/s/ Edwin T. Dickerson.

The Board decided that the appropriation contained in Miscellaneous Appropriations for the fiscal year 1936 was contingent upon the passage of a Joint Resolution introduced in the General Assembly of 1935, applicable to the appropriation, and that if such resolution was not passed the appropriation could not be paid.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.